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Report Highlights:

Most parts of the country received excellent rains during the week ending June 25, and the monsoon continues to be satisfactory.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
Unscheduled Report
New Delhi [IN1], IN

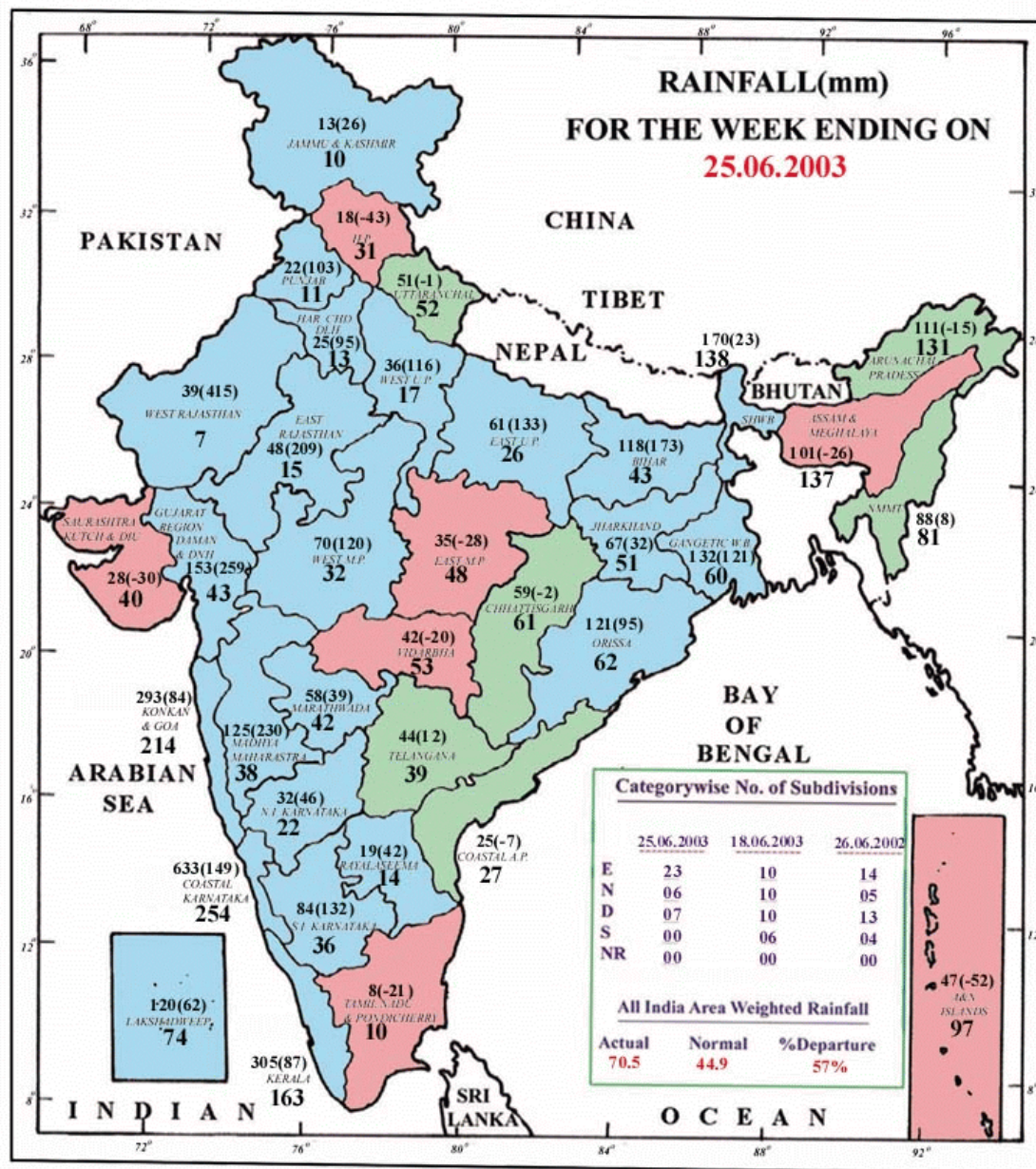
The week ending June 25 saw a significant increase in monsoon activity, with 29 of the 36 weather subdivisions receiving normal or above normal rainfall. Countrywide area weighted rainfall, at 70.5 mm, was 57 percent above normal. Subdivisions which received below normal rainfall were Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, and Assam and Meghalaya.

Cumulative rainfall during June 1 to June 25 was normal or above normal in 27 of the 35 weather subdivisions, with the area weighted cumulative rainfall for the country 6 percent above normal at 131.6 mm. Rajasthan, West Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh, which experienced serious drought last year, received excellent rains alleviating the situation.

Initial planting reports on June 20 indicate an increase in planted area to sugarcane and oilseeds, a decline in area planted to rice and coarse cereals, and no change in area planted to cotton, compared with corresponding period of last year. However, the picture will firm up only by end-July or early August.

The following maps show (1) rainfall for the week of June 25 and (2) cumulative rainfall during June 1 to June 25.

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LEGEND :

 EXCESS (E) + 20% OR MORE	 NORMAL (N) +19% TO -19%	 DEFICIENT (D) -20% TO -59%
 SCANTY (S) -60% TO -99%	 NO RAIN (NR) -100%	* * NO DATA

NOTES:

- (a) Rainfall figures are based on operational data.
 (b) Small figures indicate actual rainfall (mm), while bold figures indicate normal rainfall (mm).
 Percentage departures of rainfall are shown in brackets.

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